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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/50/101 of 9 March 1995, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint six persons to fill vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), effective 31 December 1995.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Gérard Biraud (France);

Mr. José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho (Brazil);

Mrs. Erica-Irene Daes (Greece);

Mr. Jorge José Duhalt (Mexico);

Mr. Vijay Gokhale (India);

Mr. Yuji Kumamaru (Japan);

Mr. Wolfgang Stockl (Germany);

Mr. Tang Guangting (China);

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Mr. Nicholas Alan Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Mr. Giovanni Luigi Valenza (Italy).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

Gérard BIRAUD

[Original: French]

Experience

1995

Vice-Chairman, ACABQ (elected 21 December 1994)

1993 onwards

Member of ACABQ, full-time participation as independent expert

1990-1992

Adviser to the Director of United Nations and International Organization Affairs, Foreign Ministry, Paris, following in particular institutional, administrative, budgetary and management matters, as well as the United Nations reform process

Special Adviser to French delegations in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)

1988-1990

Deputy Director and subsequently Acting Director of the European Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Geneva

1983-1988

Deputy Director for United Nations Affairs in charge of economic matters, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, coordinating the positions of ministries and other relevant agencies in the drafting of instructions for French delegations to the Second Committee, the Economic and Social Council, the five regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and its subsidiary organs, the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), as well as to the World Food Council (WFC), the World Food Programme (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

1982-1983

In the Prime Minister's Office, adviser to the senior official in charge of development cooperation and aid. Harmonization of policies of French ministries and agencies vis-à-vis developing countries

1980-1982

In charge of international development matters in the Economic and Financial Department of the Foreign Ministry, conducting studies on international economic policies vis-à-vis developing countries, in particular managing the substantive preparation of the first United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981

1976-1980

Established and then directed the Bureau for Multilateral Cooperation in the Ministry of Development Cooperation

1972-1976

Economist in the Foreign Ministry Department for Development Cooperation, took part in missions, wrote and published economic analyses on several developing countries, especially African countries, including analysis of their budgets and accounts

1969-1972

Human resources economist in the Ministry for Development Cooperation, working on the relationships between population, economic activities, employment and training in 14 African countries, took part in field missions, analysis of costs and benefits in education

Teaching

1973-1975

Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Administration Economique et de Statistique, Paris

1971-1973

European Training Centre for Development Statisticians, Paris

University education

1971

Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures en Sciences Economiques, Paris University

1966-1970

Institute for Social Studies and Institute for Social Studies on Labour, Paris

Miscellaneous

Born 15 February 1944 in Geneva, Switzerland

Married in 1971

National Service in 1965-1966 as a teacher in Dakar

Speak and write English and Spanish, and some knowledge of German and Italian

Trained in computer use since 1974

Honours: Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite

José Antônio MARCONDES DE CARVALHO

Present position: Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, since September 1993; delegate to the Fifth Committee

Date of birth: 18 March 1953

Academic background: Graduate of the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy "Instituto Rio Branco", 1976; law degree, University of Brasília, 1978

Previous professional appointments

1992-1994	Chief of Cabinet of the Under-Secretary-General for Integration, Economic Affairs and Foreign Trade, Ministry of External Relations
1991-1992	Assistant to the Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Republic, Brasília
1990-1991	Deputy Director of the Special Division for the Environment, Ministry of External Relations
1987-1990	First Secretary at the Embassy of Brazil in Havana
1983-1987	First Secretary at the Embassy of Brazil in Washington, D.C.
1980-1983	Assistant to the Director of the Economic Department, Ministry of External Relations
1978-1980	Assistant to the Director of the Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of External Relations
1976-1978	Assistant to the Director of the Division of Commodities, Ministry of External Relations

Major international conferences and meetings

1995	Alternate representative to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations
1994	Alternate representative to the Security Council
1993-1994	Delegate to the Third Committee, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions
1992	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
1989	Head of the Brazilian delegation to the annual meeting of the Group of Latin American Sugar-Producing Countries, San José, Costa Rica
1988	Preparatory Meeting of the Group of 77 to the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Havana

1983-1987	Head of the Brazilian delegations to the forty-second to forty-fifth annual plenary meetings of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (1983: Memphis, United States of America; 1984: Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania; 1985: Sydney, Australia; 1986: Buenos Aires)
1986	Vice-Chairman of the International Cotton Advisory Committee
1979-1980	Tenth and eleventh Ministerial Meetings of the Latin American Energy Organization (1979: Panama; 1980: Bogota)
1978	Various sessions of the Integrated Programme on Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva
1977	First negotiating session of the Common Fund on Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva

Mrs. Erica-Irene A. DAES

Nationality: Greek

Marital status: Widow

Address: 20, Chemin François Lehmann, Grand Saconnex 1218, Geneva, Switzerland

Telephone: Home tel. and fax: (4122) 788-0785
Office tel.: (4122) 979-9439

Education: Master's Degrees from Athens University School of: (a) Law and (b) Political and Economic Sciences; Ph.D Athens University

Postgraduate studies at Cambridge University, London University (University College), Heidelberg University and the Hague Academy of International Law

Professional activities

1946-1948 Administrator of the Greek Branch of World Student's Fund

1949-1950 Senior Administrator and Manager, responsible for the Finance Department of the Penteli Sanatorium for students of the universities and other high-learning institutions of Greece

1950-1952 Senior Administrator of the Ministry of Health and Welfare

1953-1968 Public Power Corporation:

(a) Legal Adviser;

(b) Head of Units for expropriations and purchase of private electrical corporations;

(c) Chairperson of Committees for financial control of Public Power Corporation's supplies, and for auditing against financial fraud;

(d) Member of Committees of Supplies by International Corporations;

(e) Chairperson of various Committees for budgetary questions, as well as of those dealing with Economic Liability of Officers and Employees of Public Power Corporation;

1968-1974 Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of Greece

1975-1979 Member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Committee of Supplies and Financial Control of the "Helena Venizelos" Maternity Hospital in Greece

Other activities

1986-1990 Visiting Professor and Fellow of the European University Institute, Florence, Italy

1976-1990 (a) Member of the Ministerial Committees of the Ministry of Justice for the elaboration of basic draft bills, legislative acts, etc.

(b) Secretary-General of the Greek United Nations Association

1976 to date (c) Member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

(d) Member of a number of professional and scientific associations and leagues

(e) Head or member of a number of missions to international conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops and global consultations

Activities in the field of the United Nations system

Since 1966 Representative of Greece to the Third and Sixth Committees at the twenty-first session of the General Assembly

Representative of Greece to the Fourth Committee at the twenty-third to twenty-seventh and thirty-first to thirty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly

Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly

Member of a number of working groups established by the Third Committee for the elaboration of the draft provisions on the implementation of the International Covenants on Human Rights and a number of draft resolutions and reports

Member of the Commission on Social Development (fourteenth to sixteenth sessions)

Member of the Working Group on the Drafting of a Declaration on Social Progress and Development

1981-1984 Delegate of Greece to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

1978-1982 Representative of Greece to the Social Committee and to the Plenary of the Economic and Social Council

	Member of the Commission on the Status of Women, Chairperson of the Working Group that elaborated the programme for International Women's Year
1976	Member of the Greek delegation to the twentieth General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Paris)
1976 to date	Member and Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
1977	Member of the Working Group on the legal, political, economic, social and cultural aspects of the right to self-determination
1977	Chairperson of the Working Group on the Programme for the Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
	Vice-Chairperson of the twenty-sixth session of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
	Participant in the United Nations Seminar on the Realization of Economic and Social Rights (Warsaw)
	Participant and discussion leader in the United Nations Seminar on Special Problems relating to Human Rights in Developing Countries (Nicosia)
	Discussion leader at the United Nations Seminar on Local, National and Regional Institutions for the Protection of Human Rights (Geneva)
	Participant in the UNESCO Seminar on Teaching Human Rights (Sophia)
1982	Rapporteur of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
1985 and 1986	Chairperson of the Subcommission (thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions)
1984 to date	Chairperson/Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations
October 1988	Expert and member of the Global Consultation on Racism, and Racial Discrimination (Geneva)
November 1988	Participant, Lecturer in the United Nations Training Course on the Administration of Justice and Human Rights for Eastern European Countries (Moscow)

January 1989	Representative of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the Seminar on the Effects of Racism and Racial Discrimination on the Social and Economic Relations between Indigenous Peoples and States (Geneva)
September 1989	Chairperson of the United Nations seminar on Cultural Dialogue between the Countries of Origin and the Host Countries of Migrant Workers (Athens)
1989	Senior Adviser and Expert at the meetings of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in Copenhagen, Geneva and Moscow
October 1989	Vice-Chairperson of the thirty-second Plenary Assembly of WFUNA (Moscow, 9-14 October 1989)
1993	Participant at the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna
1994	Participant at the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo

Joint Inspection Unit

January 1991-December 1995	Inspector, member of the Joint Inspection Unit
January 1992-December 1992	Vice-Chairperson and Acting Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit
January 1993-December 1993	Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit

Teaching lectures: Lectures on subjects of international law, including human rights law, humanitarian law, international relations, also questions pertaining to the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration and International Covenants on Human Rights, the Declaration and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Genocide Convention, the protection of minorities, the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States, the role and the future of the United Nations, the maintenance of world peace and security, economic and social questions, the new economic order, rights and obligations of women in contemporary comparative law, the law of armed conflict, the role and work of the United Nations peace-keeping operations, humanitarian assistance in emergency situations, etc., the rights of indigenous peoples, delivered at the University of Minnesota, Harvard University, St. Thomas, Miami University, Iowa University, University College London, University of the Northern Territories Australia, Ottawa University, Saskatchewan University, the European University Institute (Florence, Italy), the Institute of International Relations of the Russian Diplomatic Academy, Moscow, and the Institute of International Law and International Relations in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Publications: Author of a number of books, also of articles and book reviews in Greek and English, published in Greek and foreign legal journals, bulletin and magazines, related in particular to the Charter of the United Nations, international law and international relations, human rights law, economic rights and development, the elimination of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid, subjects related to the work of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the protection of minorities, the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, technical cooperation programmes of certain specialized agencies.

Some recent publications

(a) "The Charter of Paris for a New Europe", published in International Cooperation, Bulletin of the Greek Association for the United Nations, vol. 50, March 1992;

(b) "The question of minorities within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE)", published in Essays in Memory of Atle-Grahl Madsen, Heidelberg, 1993;

(c) "Some consideration on the right of the indigenous peoples to self-determination", in Iowa Journal, Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, vol. 3.1, 1993, pp. 2-11;

(d) "New types of war crimes and crimes against humanity: violations of international humanitarian and human rights law". International Geneva Yearbook, vol. III, 1993, pp. 55-78.

United Nations studies

(a) "The Individual's Duties to the Community and the Limitations on Human Rights and Freedoms under article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Freedom of the Individual Under Law", United Nations publications, two editions (World Campaign for Human Rights), Sales No. E.82.XIV.1;

(b) "Human Rights and Scientific and Technological Developments - Principles, Guidelines and Guarantees for the Protection of Persons detained on Grounds of Mental Ill-Health or Suffering from Mental Disorder" (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/17 and Add.1);

(c) "The Status of the Individual and Comparative International Law", United Nations publications (World Campaign for Human Rights), Sales No. E.91.XIV.3, Study Series 4;

(d) "Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/33, E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/28, E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/26 and relevant explanatory note (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/26/Add.1);

(e) Protection of Cultural and Intellectual Property of Indigenous Peoples (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/28).

Joint Inspection Unit 1991 to date:

Prepared a number of reports, confidential letters, on important and complex subjects within the framework of the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit. Among these are:

(a) Assessment of the annual deficits of the administrative and operational services cost fund of the Technical Cooperation Programme of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 1991;

(b) A forward-looking assessment of the technical cooperation programme of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 1992;

(c) Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system, part III: The World Health Organization, 1993 (Co-author);

(d) Advancement of the status of women in the United Nations Secretariat in an era of "human resources management" and "accountability" a new beginning? (A/49/176);

(e) Under elaboration, a report on the involvement of the United Nations system in providing and coordinating of humanitarian assistance to the victims of disasters and other emergency situations, including peace-keeping operations.

Distinctions

By the headquarters of the Middle East Allied Forces for "Erica Papastamataki" (Daes) for "services to the liberation of Europe", as an active member of the National Liberation Movement on the Island of Crete during the Second World War.

Also, recognition by the Greek Minister of National Defence (Ministerial decisions No. 483, No. 72 and No. 863889), as "freedom fighter" (doss. 123866).

United Nations acknowledgement

The President of the General Assembly (H.E. Mr. Stanislaw Trepeznski, Poland), "expresses his deep appreciation to Dr. Erica-Irene A. Daes for her generous assistance and valuable contribution to the efficient conduct of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly".

1993: Winner of the United Nations "Human rights prize 1993".

Jorge José DUHALT

[Original: Spanish]

Nationality: Mexican

Educational background

1963-1967	
University degree in economics	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
1968	
Post-graduate course in economic and social planning	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México/Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico City
1969	
Seminar on project evaluation and planning	Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom
1969-1970	
Post-graduate studies in public administration, economics and finance	Institut International d'Administration Publique, France
1970	
Practicum in economic planning	Ministry of Planning, Côte d'Ivoire
1971	
Seminar on science and technology for development	Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom
1970-1973	
Doctorate in development economics	Université de Paris I, France
1990	
Seminar on contemporary American politics	Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University
1990-1991	
Diplomatic training course	Matías Romero Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Languages

1967	
Advanced English	Louisiana State University, United States
1969	
Practical French	University of Besançon, France

Professional experience

1968-1969	
Economist	Mexican Petroleum Institute
1973-1975	
Head of the Office for the Transfer of Technology	National Council for Science and Technology, Mexico City
1976-1977	
Counsellor for scientific and technological affairs	Embassy of Mexico in Cuba
1977-1979	
General manager, administration	Productos Pesqueros Mexicanos (public enterprise)
1979-1983	
Deputy Director for International Technical Cooperation	Department for Coordination of Administrative Studies, Office of the President of Mexico
1984-1985	
Head of management control, Department of Public Health	Ministry of Health of Mexico
1986-1988	
Director of Trade Negotiations and Regional Integration	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
1988	
Delegate to the Second Committee of the General Assembly	Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

1988-1993

Delegate to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Counsellor — Permanent Mission

1991-1992

Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions

1991-1994

Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

1993-1994

Counsellor, Minister for Foreign Affairs — Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

1993-1995

Member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Principal international meetings attended as representative

1973 Meeting of government experts on industrial property and technology for development, Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, D.C.

1973 Meeting of technical directors of the Pilot Project on Transfer of Technology, OAS, Lima

1974 First, second and third meetings of the Working Group on Science and Transfer of Technology, Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Americas, Brasilia, Caracas and Santiago, Chile

1976 Mexico-Cuba Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, Havana

1980 Second Mexico-United States bilateral meeting on public administration, Washington, D.C.

1986 Third regular meeting of the Support Committee for the Economic and Social Development of Central America, Latin American Economic System (SELA), Panama City

1986 Twenty-first annual meeting at the ministerial level of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, OAS, Washington, D.C.

1986 Twelfth regular meeting of the Latin American Council, Latin American Economic System, Lima

1987 Third meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of States members of the Latin American Integration Association, Montevideo

1987 Thirteenth regular meeting of the Latin American Council (SELA), Caracas

1987 Twenty-second annual meeting at the ministerial level of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, OAS, Washington, D.C.

1988 Fourteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations, New York

1988 Thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council of UNDP, Geneva

1988 Forty-third session of the General Assembly, Second and Fifth Committees

1989 Fifteenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, New York

1989 Special Meeting to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Group of 77, Caracas

1989 Twenty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, New York

1989 Forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, Fifth Committee

1990 Thirtieth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, New York

1990 Thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council of UNDP, Geneva

1990 Substantive session of the United Nations Committee on Conferences, New York

1990 Forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Fifth Committee

1991 Forty-second special session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Washington, D.C.

1991 Substantive session of the Committee on Conferences

1991 Forty-third session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Paris

1991 Forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, Fifth Committee

1992 Thirty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna

1992 Thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council of UNDP, Geneva

1992 Substantive session of the Committee on Conferences

1992 Forty-fourth session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Montreal

1992 Forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, Fifth Committee

1993 Forty-fifth special session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, New York

1994 Forty-sixth session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Vienna

Vijay GOKHALE

Date of birth: 24 January 1959

Educational qualifications: M.A. (History), Delhi University

Previous work experience

1981	Joined the Indian Foreign Service
1982-1984	Third Secretary, Commission of India, Hong Kong
1985-1988	Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Hanoi
1988-1991	First Secretary, Embassy of India, Beijing
1991-1992	Deputy Secretary, East Asia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
1992-1993	Deputy Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
Since 1994	First Secretary/Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, New York, Delegate to the Fifth Committee

Yuji KUMAMARU

Date of birth: 7 December 1951

Present position: Counsellor (in charge of the Fifth Committee) at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations since June 1994

Member of ACABQ since October 1994

Academic background

Graduated from Keio University in Economics, Tokyo, in 1975

Studies at Beijing Language Institute, Beijing University and London School of Oriental and African Studies, 1976-1979

Previous professional career

1993-1994	Director, Division of United Nations Administrative, Budgetary and Personnel Matters, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-1993	Director, Division of United Nations Social Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1989-1992	First Secretary and later Counsellor at Embassy of Japan to China (Beijing)
1986-1989	Information Officer in United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Public Information in the United Nations Secretariat
1985-1986	Deputy Director, Division of United Nations Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1981-1986	Officer and Assistant Director at various divisions of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including United Nations Specialized Agencies Division
1976-1981	Assignments at Embassy of Japan to China and Embassy of Japan to the United Kingdom (Beijing/London)

Wolfgang STOCKL

Date and place of birth: 11 June 1948, Calden, Germany

Educational background

1977	Diplomatic Training Institute, Bonn
1975-1976	Postgraduate Studies in Public Administration at the School of Public Administration, Speyer
1975	Second State Examination in Law (Bar Examination)
1972	First State Examination in Law (Master's Degree)
1967-1971	Studies of Law at the University of Marburg

Current position

Since 20 July 1995	Member of ACABQ
Since January 1991	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
	Delegate to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly
	Representative in the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Rapporteur in 1993, Vice-Chairman in 1995

Activities and positions

1990 (April-October)	Special Adviser for Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic
1989	Deputy Director, Division for Organization and Management, German Foreign Office
	Responsible for administrative and management issues; organizational structure of the Germar Foreign Office (including embassies, consulates, permanent missions); preparation of budget estimates and staffing tables; supervision of central data-processing unit (information system for personnel salaries)
1985	Chief, Inspection Unit, German Foreign Office
	Responsible for evaluation and inspection of headquarter units and restructuring measures
1983-1985	Director of the German-Saudi Arabian Liaison Office for Economic Affairs, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

1980-1983	German Consul in Cairo
1979	Assistant to the Director, German Diplomatic Training Institute
1977	Joined German Foreign Office
1976	Ministry of the Interior, State of Hessen
1973-1974	Assignments as assistant judge and assistant attorney, Ministry of Justice, State of Hessen
1972-1980	President of the City Council of Melsungen, Germany

Publications: Various publications on administrative and budgetary issues

Languages: English, French, some Arabic and Spanish

TANG Guangting

Date and place of birth: 3 April 1941, Jiangsu Province, China

Marital status: Married

Education: Post-graduate studies in Beijing University of Foreign Studies, majoring in international relations and international law

1960-1964 Graduate studies in Shanghai Foreign Languages Institute, majoring in English, politics and political economy, etc.

Work experience

May 1994	Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, in charge of matters pertaining to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly
September 1990-April 1994	First Secretary and Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations in New York, in charge of matters related to the Fifth Committee
May 1989-September 1990	First Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of affairs of some international organizations such as the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union, the International Labour Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, etc.
July 1985-May 1989	Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva, in charge of the affairs of international organizations in Switzerland
1981-June 1985	Beijing Bureau of the United States Christian Science Monitor, in charge of secretarial work for the resident correspondent
1980-1981	Economic and Commercial Section of the United States Embassy in Beijing, in charge of secretarial work for that section of the Embassy
January 1978-October 1980	Attaché, Embassy of China in Bangladesh, in charge of secretarial and protocol affairs and information of the Embassy
October 1971-December 1976	Beijing Bureau of the Globe and Mail of Toronto, Canada, in charge of secretarial work for the resident correspondent
October 1967-October 1971	Staff member, Beijing Diplomatic Services Bureau

Participation in international conferences

All the important conferences of the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Labour Organization, etc., during his term of office in Geneva from July 1985 to May 1989

Twentieth Congress of the Universal Postal Union in Washington from mid-November to mid-December 1989

All the Committee for Programme and Coordination and Fifth Committee meetings of the General Assembly

Fourteenth meeting of the Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva, October 1994

Nicholas Alan THORNE

Date and place of birth: 31 March 1948, Margate, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Educated Chatham House Grammar School

University of Westminster

(Diploma in Management Studies)

Professional experience

1971-1974 Third Secretary, British Embassy, Yaounde (also accredited to Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Central African Republic)

1974-1978 Served at the Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom to the European Communities in Brussels. Responsible for European Community Resource and Financing issues. In this capacity served as United Kingdom representative on the European Union Budget Committee

1978-1979 Sabbatical year at University of Westminster. Course in Management Studies (special emphasis on financial issues, accounting and audit standards)

1979-1980 South Pacific Department, Foreign Office

1980-1983 United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, New York. Responsible for First Committee issues and certain issues covered by the Security Council

1983-1987 Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Manila. Responsible for coordinating general bilateral political and commercial issues, including finance

1987-1989 Deputy Head of United Nations Department. Responsible for all aspects of United Kingdom policy towards the United Nations, including financial, administrative and management issues

1989-1991 Secondment to Thorn EMI Plc (a major communications and high technology multinational). Responsible for advising on potential mergers and acquisitions in Eastern Europe

1991-1995 Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Helsinki. Responsible for bilateral political and commercial issues

May 1995- Counsellor (designate) at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations:

Delegate to the Fifth Committee and representative in the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Married with two children

Working languages: English, French, Finnish

Gian Luigi VALENZA

Currently serving a two-year term as Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). This nine-member Committee advises the Boards of FAO and the World Food Programme (WFP) on matters pertaining to budget, external auditing, pensions and other administrative and financial affairs. For three successive bienniums (1988-1989, 1990-1991 and 1992-1993) held the post both of Deputy Chairman of the same Finance Committee and of Deputy Chairman of the seven-member Juridical and Legal Committee of FAO, which is often called on to examine questions of a financial nature.

For 1994, in the framework of Italy's chairmanship of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), was entrusted with the economic basket and the chairmanship of the Second Economic Forum of Prague (April 1994). Also participated in the first part of the recent CSCE Review Conference in Budapest.

From 1991 to 1994, held the post of Chairman of the External Audit Committee of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and during the same period was the head of the Italian delegation for the Third Replenishment of IFAD.

Member of the Italian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1993 and 1994. During this time, was also Chief of the Italian delegation for the entire five-session cycle of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (Nairobi, Geneva, New York, Geneva, Paris).

From 1988 to 1993, was Permanent Representative of Italy to FAO, IFAD and WFP in Rome. From 1983 to 1988 was Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and to Habitat in Nairobi.

From 1978 to 1983, was an international officer with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as Assistant Secretary-General, where his duties included relations with international organizations (United Nations, Common Market, European Free Trade Agreement, etc.). From 1973 to 1974, was a member of the Italian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

From 1973 to 1975, was the Head of the International Organizations Desk at the General Department of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is also concerned with financial matters at the United Nations (Fifth Committee and ACABQ).

During his diplomatic career, has also held posts in France (twice), Pakistan, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Kenya.